financial assistance in the form of loan and grant is extended to Non-Governmental Organisations Cooperatives. Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector Industry etc. These schemes are project specific and not State Specific.

Details of financial assistance during the period 1992-93 to 1997-98 provided under the Schemes in respect of proposals received from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North Eastern Region are given below:

Rupees in Lakhs

Madhya Pradesh	111.95
Rajasthan	75.00
North Eastern Region	2040.00

Schemes for Processed Food Sector

953. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some developmental plan schemes for promoting development of processed food sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; scheme-wise;

(c) whether these schemes are under implementation in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated several developmental Plan Schemes for promoting processed food sector in the country. Under these schemes financial assistance in the form of loan and grant is extended to Non-Governmental Organisations Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Private Sector Industries etc. for promotion of food processing industries.

(c) and (d) The schemes are project specific and not State specific. However, financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 9.69 crores was extended during the 8th Plan period in respect of proposals received from State of Maharashtra under the schemes pertaining to the Sectors of Fruit & Vegetables Processing, Meat & Poultry Processing and Fisheries.

During the first year of the 9th Plan viz. 1997-98 also financial assistance of approximately Rs. 2.99 crores has been extended in respect of proposals received from Maharashtra in the Fisheries. Horticulture based Industries and Meat & Poultry Sector.

Food Processing Units in Maharashtra

954. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing units operating in the factory sector in Maharashtra at present, district-wise;

(b) what is their annual production in terms of quantity and value;

(c) what incentives are available to these units of the State; and

(d) how the farmers are being benefited from these units in the factory sector of the State?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The results of the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) which covers factory sector conducted by the Central Statistical Organisation of the Department of Statistics are published at State and all India level and not at district level. A statemnet indicating number of units and gross output for industry group 20-21—manufacturing of food products—for the period 1990-91 to 1994-95 is enclosed (*See* below)

(c) The Plan Scheme being operated by the Ministry for the development of food processing industries. Provide financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant-in-aid to Non Government Organisations. Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings and Industry including those in the factory sector.